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ABSTRACT

The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) is charged with improving library services throughout the state to ensure that all citizens have access to quality library and information services. Part of this charge includes the responsibility for receiving and administering federal funds to the more than 200 public libraries in Alabama. Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) monies are spent on statewide projects at the APLS. These projects include providing references services interlibrary loans, audiovisual materials, continuing education programs and consultant services to the public libraries. Other major statewide projects funded through LSTA include the coordination of a statewide children's summer library program. In 1999, more than 56,000 children participated in the program. Several libraries received $150 mini-grants to pay for professional performers to enhance their summer library activities and to promote reading. At APLS, the Alabama Union List of Serials, ALICAT, the state union catalog, and other technology and equipment are funded by LSTA dollars. The agency also collects and interprets statistics and provides a professional training program to promote quality public library service through the development of professional libraries. This document describes the use of these federal funds for 1999 library programs and services in Alabama's seven congressional districts. When public library service areas are included in two congressional districts, they are listed in each district with an asterisk. The 2000 LSTA Advisory Council members, APLS Executive Board, and APLS Division Directors are listed at the end of the document. (AEF)

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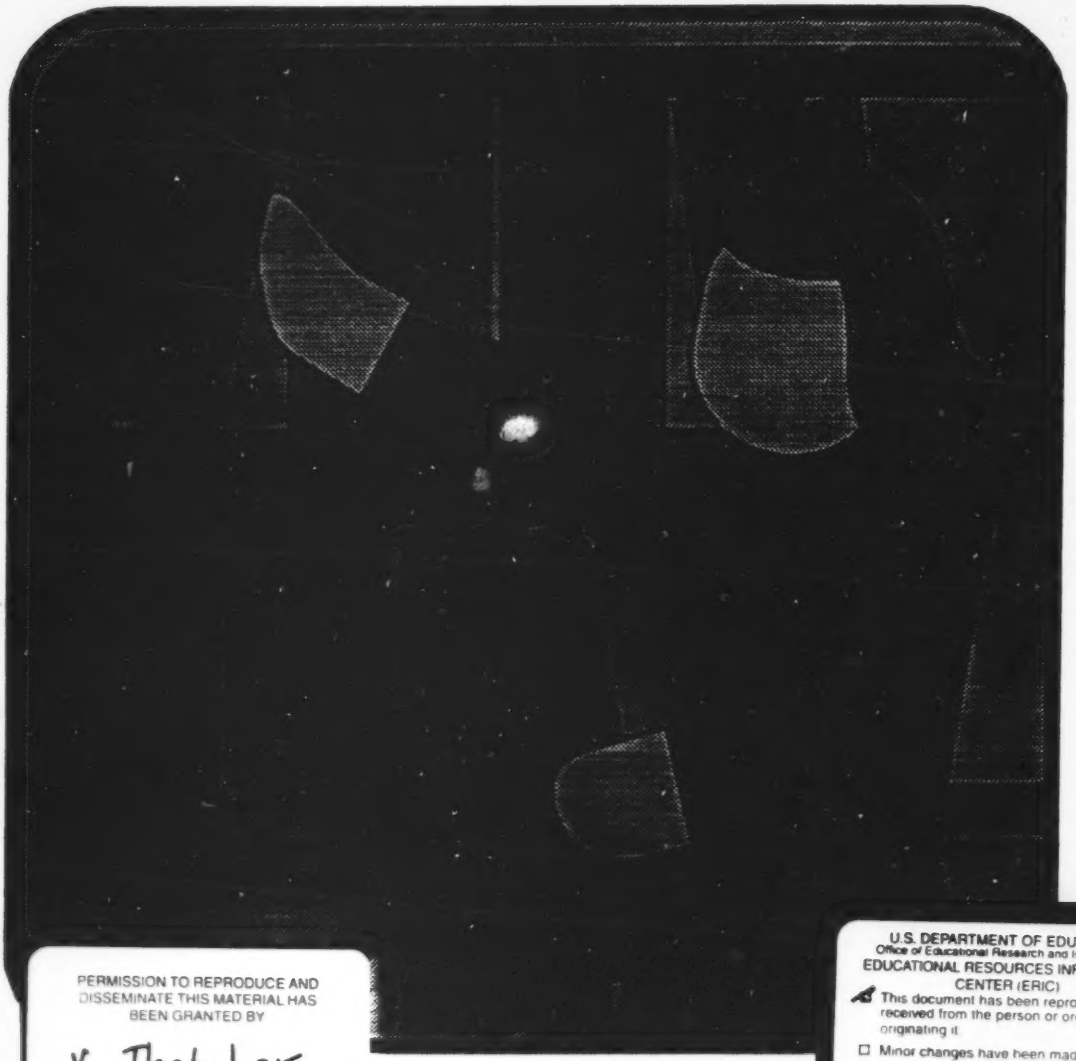

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Library Services and Technology Act

Administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) P.L. 104-208, assists the state of Alabama in the extension and improvement of public library service throughout the state. Funds may be used for the following:

1) Establishing or enhancing electronic linkages among or between libraries;
2) Electronically linking libraries with educational, social or information services;
3) Assisting libraries in accessing information through electronic networks;
4) Encouraging libraries in different areas, and encouraging different types of libraries, to establish consortia and share resources;
5) Paying costs for libraries to acquire or share computer systems and telecommunications technologies; and
6) Targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget).

The Library Services and Technology Act provides state-administered grant funds, and in Alabama, the administration rests with the Alabama Public Library Service.

The LSTA falls within the definition of a categorical grant and it is permissive legislation in that it does not define the specific actions that must be taken in order to fulfill this mandate.

Alabama Public Library Service

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Statewide Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Alabama Public Library Service	Acquisition/Utilization of materials for interlibrary loan	$630,521
Alabama Public Library Service	Alabama Interlibrary Catalog (ALICAT)	$105,406
Alabama Public Library Service	Alabama Union List of Serials (AULS)	$21,629
Alabama Public Library Service	Continuing Education and Library Development	$123,533
Alabama Public Library Service	Net-Lending to Public Libraries	$6,172
Alabama Public Library Service	Net-Lending to University Libraries	$29,325
Alabama Public Library Service	Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped	$25,361
Alabama Public Library Service	Statistics Program	$51,750
Alabama Public Library Service	Summer Reading Program	$25,526

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Congressional Districts

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District One

HERBERT LEON CALLAHAN

District One includes the counties of Baldwin, Clarke (portion), Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington.

LSTA-funded programs in District One include a $7,000 grant to **Monroe County Public Library** to purchase books and audio materials for youth, large-print books and tapes for older adults and materials for the general population.

Also in District One, the **Washington County Public Library** received a $12,000 grant to purchase equipment for library automation.

District One Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Atmore Public Library	Collection Development	$4,000
Fairhope Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Flomaton Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Foley Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Grove Hill Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Ina Pullen Smallwood Memorial Library	Collection Development	$4,000
Monroe County Public Library	Collection Development	$7,000
Orange Beach Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Prichard Public Library	Collection Development	$9,000
Thomasville Public Library	Library Automation	$13,988
Washington County Public Library	Library Automation	$12,000

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District Two

TERRY EVERETT

District Two includes the counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Montgomery (portion) and Pike.

District Two LSTA grants include a $13,196 grant to **Emma Knox Kenan Public Library** to provide a public access catalog and automated circulation procedure.

Also in District Two, **Eufaula Carnegie Library** received a $15,000 grant to purchase library automation software and equipment.

District Two Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Brantley Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Cross Trails Regional Library	Collection Development	$3,087
Dot Laney Memorial Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Elba Public Library	Collection Development	$2,400
Elton B. Stephens Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Emma Knox Kenan Public Library	Library Automation	$13,196
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Children At Risk	$300
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Library Automation	$15,000
Evergreen-Conecuh Co. Pub. Library	Collection Development	$5,000
Florala Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Greenville-Butler Co. Pub. Library	Children At Risk	$150
Greenville-Butler Co. Pub. Library	Children At Risk #2	$150
Greenville-Butler Co. Pub. Library	Collection Development	$7,000
Hartford Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Houston-Love Memorial Library	Children At Risk	$150
Houston-Love Memorial Library	Children At Risk #2	$150
Luverne Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Ozark-Dale Co. Public Library Inc.	Collection Development	$9,760
Pike County Library Cooperative	Collection Development	$8,000
Samson Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Town and County Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Troy Public Library	Children At Risk	$150

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District Three

BOB RILEY

District Three includes the counties of Bibb (portion), Calhoun, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Macon, Randolph, Russell, St. Clair, Talladega and Tallapoosa.

Projects funded in this district include a $6,550 grant to **Lincoln Public Library** to upgrade the circulation system and to automate the card catalog.

Also in District Three, the **Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library** received a $10,000 grant to purchase approximately 500 history, geography and education books. The project is targeted toward the students of the Anniston city school system but will be available to all library users.

District Three Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Lib.	Collection Development	$10,000
Ashland City Public Library	Children At Risk	$300
Ashland City Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Ashville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
B. B. Comer Memorial Library	Children At Risk	$150
B. B. Comer Memorial Library	Children At Risk #2	$150
B. B. Comer Memorial Library	Collection Development	$5,000
Cheaha Regional Library	Collection Development	$7,000
Dadeville Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Goodwater Public Library	Collection Development	$2,986
Jacksonville Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Jacksonville Public Library	Library Automation	$8,609
Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library	Children At Risk	$150
Lincoln Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Lincoln Public Library	Library Automation	$6,550
Lineville Public Library	Children At Risk	$125
Lineville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Macon County-Tuskegee Pub. Library	Collection Development	$7,000
Oxford Public Library	Library Automation	$12,000
Pell City Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Pell City Public Library	Children At Risk #2	$150
Pell City Public Library	Library Automation	$15,000
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Springville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
St. Clair County Library	Collection Development	$8,388
Talladega Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Talladega Public Library	Children At Risk #2	$150
Talladega Public Library	Collection Development	$6,000
* West Blocton Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000

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District Four

ROBERT ADERHOLT

District Four includes the counties of Blount, Cherokee, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lawrence (portion), Marion, Marshall, Pickens (portion), Walker and Winston.

In District Four, **DeKalb County Public Library** received a $7,281 grant to purchase four PCs, three printers, software and to upgrade cabling and three laser scanners to work with PCs.

Another District Four LSTA project was a $10,000 grant to **Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library** to purchase science books for the collection as well as books on CD-ROM for business patrons and visually handicapped patrons.

District Four Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Aliceville Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Aliceville Public Library	Library Automation	$7,004
Arley Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Carbon Hill City Library	Collection Development	$3,000
* Carrollton Public Library	Library Automation	$7,200
Cherokee County Public Library	Collection Development	$5,000
Clyde Nix Public Library	Collection Development	$4,000
Collinsville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Cordova Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
* Courtland Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
* Courtland Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Crossville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Cullman County Pub Library System	Children At Risk	$300
Cullman County Pub Library System	Collection Development	$10,000
DeKalb County Public Library	Library Automation	$7,281
Dora Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Double Springs Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Gadsden-Etowah Co. Public Library	Collection Development	$10,000
Geraldine Public Library	Children At Risk	$95
Geraldine Public Library	Children At Risk #2	$100
Geraldine Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Gordo Public Library	Library Automation	$7,200
Grant Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Haleyville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Ider Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Kennedy Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
* Lawrence County Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
* Lawrence County Public Library	Collection Development	$9,000
Marshall County Cooperative Library	Collection Development	$10,000
Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library	Collection Development	$3,000
MCHS Community Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Millport Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Northwest Regional Library	Collection Development	$10,000
Oneonta Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
* Pickens County Cooperative Library	Library Automation	$4,800
Rainsville Public Library	Collection Development	$2,997
Reform Public Library	Library Automation	$7,199
Russellville Public Library	Collection Development	$4,000
Sulligent Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Sumiton Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Weatherford Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Winfield Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000

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District Five

ROBERT E. CRAMER

District Five includes the counties of Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence (portion), Limestone, Madison and Morgan.

District Five LSTA grants include a $15,000 grant to **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library** for the purchase and installation of computers and the necessary telecommunications wiring for use by the library and its patrons. The computers will be used to support circulation, acquisition and cataloging software and the online public access catalog.

Also, **Bridgeport Public Library** received a $3,000 grant to purchase books and videos on learning disabilities, health care, educational issues, large-print books, fiction and English language skills.

District Five Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Athens-Limestone Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Bridgeport Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Cherokee Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
• Courtland Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
• Courtland Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Decatur Public Library	Children At Risk	$300
Eva Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Eva Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Falkville Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Falkville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Library Automation	$15,000
Hartselle Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
Helen Keller Public Library	Library Automation	$11,355
Killen Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
• Lawrence County Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
• Lawrence County Public Library	Collection Development	$9,000
Lexington Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Sheffield Public Library	Library Automation	$14,400
Woodville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000

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District Six

SPENCER BACHUS

District Six includes the counties of Bibb (portion), Jefferson (portion), Shelby and Tuscaloosa (portion).

LSTA projects in District Six include a $3,000 grant to **Warrior Public Library** to purchase books on the Accelerated Reading program list used by local schools and for materials to strengthen the adult literacy program in the community.

LSTA monies in the amount of $3,000 were awarded to **Calera Public Library** to purchase Accelerated Reader books and books on tape to benefit Head Start, elementary and junior high school students.

District Six Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
* Bessemer Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
* Bessemer Public Library	Collection Development	$9,000
Calera Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Graysville Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Harrison Regional Library System	Children At Risk	$150
Lallouise F. McGraw Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Leeds Jane Culbreth Library	Children At Risk #1	$150
Leeds Jane Culbreth Library	Children At Risk #2	$150
Parnell Memorial Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Tarrant Public Library	Collection Development	$4,000
Warrior Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
* West Blocton Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000

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District Seven

EARL F. HILLIARD

District Seven includes the counties of Choctaw, Clarke (portion), Dallas, Greene, Hale, Jefferson (portion), Lowndes, Marengo, Montgomery (portion), Perry, Pickens (portion), Sumter, Tuscaloosa (portion) and Wilcox.

LSTA grants in District Seven include a $10,000 grant to **Selma-Dallas County Public Library** to supplement, upgrade, replace and expand its present collection of medical and health-related material.

Also in District Seven, the **Hayneville-Lowndes County Public Library** received a $5,000 grant to purchase science and reference books, video recordings, CD-ROMs, and social sciences and language materials.

District Seven Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
* Bessemer Public Library	Children At Risk	$150
* Bessemer Public Library	Collection Development	$9,000
* Carrollton Public Library	Library Automation	$7,200
Demopolis Public Library	Children At Risk	$300
Hale County-Greensboro Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Hayneville/Lowndes Co. Pub. Library	Collection Development	$5,000
Hightower Memorial Library	Children At Risk	$150
Hightower Memorial Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Marion-Perry County Library	Collection Development	$5,000
* Pickens County Cooperative Library	Library Automation	$4,800
Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library	Collection Development	$3,000
Selma-Dallas County Public Library	Collection Development	$10,000
Sumter County Library System	Children At Risk	$150
Wilcox County Library	Collection Development	$5,000

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